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5 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
6 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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8 **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

9 **Plaintiff**

10 **v.**

11 **ALEC BROUSSARD,**

12 **Defendant**
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CASE NO. 1:03-CR-5054 AWI-5

**ORDER REFERRING MATTER TO
THE FEDERAL DEFENDER'S OFFICE**

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15 In July 2005, the Court sentenced Defendant Alec Broussard to four 300-month concurrent
16 sentences for one violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841 and 846 (conspiracy to distribute cocaine base),
17 two violations of 21 U.S.C. § 841 (distribution of cocaine base), and one count of 21 U.S.C. § 841
18 (distribution of PCP). See Doc. No. 123. Petitioner was represented by appointed counsel.

19 On February 4, 2019, Petitioner filed a pro se petition to reduce sentence and raises the
20 First Step Act. See Doc. No. 298.

21 On January 9, 2019, Chief District Judge O'Neill issued Eastern District of California
22 General Order No. 595, styled *In re: Retroactive And Other Application Of The First Step Act*
23 ("General Order 595"). Pursuant to General Order 595, the Federal Defender is appointed to
24 represent any defendant who *inter alia* was previously determined to be entitled to appointment of
25 counsel, in order to determine whether that defendant may qualify for relief under the First Step
26 Act or to present any petitions, motions, or applications relating to the First Step Act. General
27 Order 595 also authorizes both the Eastern District of California Probation Office and the Clerk's
28 Office to disclose presentence investigation reports, statements of reasons, and judgments to the

1 Federal Defender in order to determine eligibility for relief under the First Step Act. Finally,
2 General Order 595 states that the Court will notify the Federal Defender of all pending *pro se*
3 motions and petitions seeking relief under the First Step Act.

4 Here, Defendant was previously represented by appointed counsel, and his motion purports
5 to raise issues related to the First Step Act. Thus, Defendant fits within the purview of General
6 Order 595, and the Federal Defender's Office will represent Defendant in connection with his
7 motion.

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9 **ORDER**

10 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, no later than 50 days from service of this
11 order, the Federal Defender's Office shall file a supplement to Defendant's motion for sentence
12 reduction that addresses Defendant's eligibility for relief under the First Step Act or any applicable
13 basis raised by Defendant.¹

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15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

16 Dated: February 8, 2019



SENIOR DISTRICT JUDGE

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¹ If additional time is needed, the Federal Defender's Office may file a request for an extension of time.